



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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FATHERS NELLEN COUNCIL # 6371 - PO Box 322 - WAUNAKEE, WI 53597-0322

MARCH NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The Business Meeting will be held online on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/2051386702?pwd=UER3SU84VzI4MIJZaVV0SIZOUlJ3QT09>

Password: STJB

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/newsletters.asp?CNO=6371>

See what Life, Faith, Family and Community programs the council approved to give funds to as well as highlights from committee and event report outs for these programs.

FYI

Annual Dues and Membership Cards were mailed out in early December – you should have received yours in the mail by now. If you have not received it, please contact Mike Finley at finleymys@charter.net. THANK YOU TO THE MORE THAN 200 KNIGHTS WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR DUES, THIS LEAVES UNDER 100 TO GO. Please return yours before we need to mail second notices on March 15, save the council the expense of not sending a second notice by mail.

HELP GROW OUR COUNCIL

- YOU** – can you spare one hour a year? Have you volunteered recently for one of the many activities our council participates in? There are many opportunities to lend a hand, if you are interested in helping, please contact Erik Hayko (ehayko@tds.net) (608) 692-3646; no worries by contacting me you will not get stuck leading a program alone, the goal is to identify many of our 300 plus members to divide the work and promote the old motto of many hands make light work. WE NEED YOU, reminder all we are asking for is 1 hour a year, which is 1 out of 8,760 hours in a year. Of course you are welcome to volunteer for more hours if you wish to.
- New members** – do you know a gentleman who would make a great Knight? Joining has never been easier. It is free as well for new members by going to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and entering the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up. There are three upcoming online exemplifications new members can sign up for and attend as well as current members seeking to obtain their third degree. If these do not work, on demand sessions can be taken on the kofc.org website too. HELP US GROW OUR COUNCIL!
- The dates below are links for you to share with prospective members and for current first and second degree knights to click and register and attend a 25-30 minute virtual exemplification to become a third degree knight.**

3/8/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State March 8, 2021 7:00 PM
3/15/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State March 15, 2021 7:00 PM
4/12/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State April 12, 2021 7:00 PM
4/22/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State April 22, 2021 7:00 PM
5/13/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State May 13, 2021 7:00 PM
5/25/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State May 25, 2021 7:00 PM
6/14/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State June 14, 2021 7:00 PM
6/29/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State June 29, 2021 7:00 PM

SPECIAL ITEMS OF NOTE

- **Guest Speaker** – Please consider attending the March Business Meeting as we will be joined by the Executive Director of the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection, Lisa Humenik. This is a great opportunity to learn about all the Neighborhood Connection does for the community and how their mission aligns with the Knights of Columbus.
- **IT'S STATE RAFFLE TIME** – you should have already received your state raffle tickets in the mail. Please consider buying the tickets you received or sell to your family and friends. Please return the ticket stubs and payment in one of the silver boxes outside the parish business office or outside the main doors of the school. They may also be placed in the collection baskets or mailed to Paul Endres at 802 Presidio Dr, Waunakee, WI 53597 or to the council at PO Box 322 Waunakee, WI 53597.

FAMILY

- **Fellowship Weekends** – Every third weekend after masses at St John's our council and other groups will be hosting fellowship weekends to bring parishioners together and enjoy some fellowship. In the kitchenette we will be serving cookies (after evening masses) and donuts (after morning masses) as well as beverages. Prayer for the end of the pandemic so it can return soon.

LIFE

- **40 Days for Life Spring 2021 Rules of the Road Vigil** – Purpose: To pray, fast and peacefully witness to end abortion at Planned Parenthood on Madison's east side. This is a mobile vigil, so moving around and walking while praying is acceptable. Stay on the sidewalk or terrace (parkway, easement) and do not block the sidewalk.

Vigil Location: The sidewalks in front of Planned Parenthood (3706 Orin Road, Madison, WI 53704).

Vigil Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Mondays through Saturdays (no Sundays), from 7:00 AM Wednesday, February 17, 2021 through 7:00 PM Sunday, March 28, 2021. Sign up is available at <https://vigilforlife.org/calendar>.

- **Prayer for the end to abortions** – the thousands of deaths due to COVID 19 is horrible, however the pace of abortions continue at an unacceptable pace during this pandemic, one is too many. Please find time during your daily prayer and reflection to pray for the end of abortion.

COMMUNITY

- **Waunakee 150th Celebration Cookbook** – do you, your wife or family have a special recipe you would like to share with the community? As part of the preparation to celebrate Waunakee's 150th birthday, a community cookbook is being created. **Due date for submissions is March 15. Email the recipe (take a picture and attach) to payitforward@waunakee.k12.wi.us**
- **40 Cans for Lent is BACK** – give back this lent and help support the Waunakee Food Pantry, collection bins are located in the Gathering Room.
- **Facebook** – Are you on the council's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WaunakeeWestport-Knights-of-Columbus-132085603804533>). Our Facebook site can serve as a great tool to communicate. Like & follow us.
- **FlockNote** – If you have not heard of FlockNote, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link and information how to create an online account and sign in. FlockNote is being used by the Diocese and Parish to communicate various events and needs and communications. Information on the Wednesday Taproom including menus can be found here as well as volunteering to help your neighbors or seeking assistance from these volunteers. Please consider utilizing FlockNote, there is even an APP for that.
- **Fifth Monday Men's Shelter Meals** – Every fifth Monday our council takes a meal to a men's shelter in downtown Madison and serves the homeless. Due to social distancing mandates from Dane County Public Health and the City of Madison, the Officer's approved a cash donation of \$ in lieu of purchasing and serving a November 30th meal. The 2021 schedule is: March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29.

FAITH

- **Patriotic Rosary** - A Patriotic Rosary in honor of Presidents Day was held on February 15 for 50 participants. Special thank you to the Fourth Degree Honor Guard for participating and Bob Sachtjen for leading the effort with the special assistance from Ben Pike, Dane Endres, and John Howard.
- **Good Friday Family Promotion** – spread the word for families to attend mass on Good Friday, April 2, the council will be making prayer cards available. The effort starts with you, spread the word, bring your family and encourage others to attend.
- **KnightCast** – You have a new exclusive benefit called KnightCast. It is a professionally produced webcast series specifically designed to help Knights become better Catholics, better men, better husbands, and better fathers. Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a Knight and a man of faith. Sign up today! The one-time registration process is simple, and you can watch live or on-demand. Because this is an exclusive benefit, your membership number will be required. You can find it on your membership card. [Click here to register.](#)
- **Rosary on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm** – a rosary is held in the chapel every Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Please consider joining.
- **2021 Fifth Sunday Rosary Schedule** – Fifth Sunday rosaries will be held in 2021 on May 30, August 29, and October 31. Please consider attending and participating as well as leading a decade. Please contact Ben Pike for more information Benjamin.a.pike@gmail.com
- **FORMED** – If you have not heard of FORMED, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link for information how to create an online account and sign into a plethora of online videos to deepen your faith. There are many different study and reflection programs guaranteed to deepen everyone's faith. Please consider utilizing FORMED, there is even an APP for that.
- **Into the Breach** – if you are interested in deepening your faith, I highly recommend as do many of your brother knights watching the Into the Breach video series available at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>
- **A Moment with Bishop Hying** – Every weekday, Bishop Hying records and posts online a 2-3 minute video reflecting on a timely topic. These are great videos that provide an intimate connection to our Bishop while deepening our faith. You can access the videos many ways
 - Create an account on YouTube and subscribe to the Diocese of Madison (subscribe to STJB Waunakee too)
 - Follow the Diocese of Madison on Facebook
 - Go to <https://madisondiocese.org/bishop> and under “links” will take you to the daily video
- **Relevant Radio (App)** – tune into 1240 and listen to many relevant and timely discussion on our faith and social issues. You also have the ability to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 every day, the family rosary at 7:00. There are also links to several prayers and devotions and daily readings. And yes there is an APP for that too.
- **Tweets from Pope Francis** – you may wish to consider creating a Twitter account, doing so will permit you to receive daily tweets that are prayers and intentions from Pope Francis. Simply go to <http://twitter.com> create an account or if you have an account follow Pope Francis by searching “@Pontifex”.
- **Men's Fellowship Groups** – If you are interested in growing your faith and fellowship, please consider attending one or more of the following men's groups
 - **Tuesday Morning Rosary and Bible Study** – After the 8 AM mass, men and women are invited to pray the rosary, study the bible and your faith and enjoy some fellowship
 - **Wednesday Evening Men's Group** – whether you need a midweek recharge or are dropping your child off at faith formation, consider attending this men's group for enrichment on becoming a better father and husband in Christ
 - **Thursday Morning Men's Group** – IS BACK 6 AM – 7:30 AM in the narthex and virtually on Zoom. For more information please contact stjb.Thursday.men@gmail.com
 - **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** – join other men on Saturday mornings from 7 AM – 8 AM to grow your faith by studying the bible and other spiritual growth programs.

Some of the above groups are meeting through online meetings and video conferencing to adhere to social distancing to permit the groups to continue to meet.

MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Gospel for March 28, Mk 14:22-24)

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, our essential spiritual food and drink, which gives us the life of Christ. We live at a time when many Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist — the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. May we, brother Knights, never forget the true nature of the Eucharist nor lose our desire to receive Christ in the sacrament of the altar. ne

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend 10 additional minutes each Sunday before Mass preparing to receive the Eucharist and 10 minutes after Mass in thanksgiving for this gift. Second, I challenge you to assist your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program to help your fellow parishioners understand the great gifts of the sacraments.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you examine your conscience before receiving holy Communion and go to confession first, if necessary? Do you show reverence for Christ in the Eucharist in such a way that you witness to the Real Presence to your family and fellow parishioners? During the consecration, are you attentive to the mystery taking place at the altar?

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT — DENNIS O'CONNELL

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of weeks (or months) and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other. I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

Vivat Jesus! Dennis L. O'Connell, FICF - dennis.oconnell@kofc.org - (608)795-4287